

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed April 4, 2008, has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the present application has been amended in a manner which is believed to place it into condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Office Action and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

At the outset, the Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 24, 26, 27, 56 and 57.

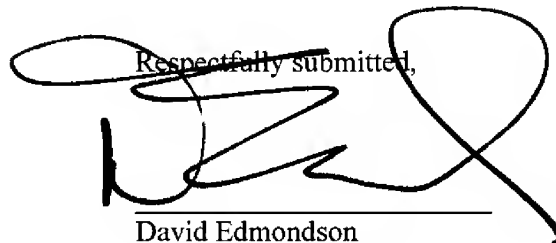
Claims 58, 59 and 61 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *Raines* '587 in view of *Arnold*. Claim 60 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *Raines* in view of *Arnold* and further in view of *Huizenga*. In response, the Applicants have canceled claims 58-61, thereby rendering both grounds of rejection moot.

The cancellation of those claims is not intended, and should not be construed, as a disclaimer of any subject matter. The Applicants reserve the right to file continuation and divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims or to any other subject matter disclosed in the present application.

In light of the above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice of such allowance is earnestly solicited.

If there remain any issues that can be overcome most easily through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Please charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (117622-00102). If an extension of time is required to render this submission timely and either is not filed concurrently herewith or is insufficient to render this submission timely, the Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for such an extension for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

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